

HONORING DR. MARIA ELOISA ALBAY DE PADUA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Maria Eloisa Albay de Padua, MD, is the longest-serving physician in Central Florida Health Care, a non-profit federally qualified community health care center.

After finishing her education in the Philippines, Dr. de Padua immigrated to the United States of America and did her residency at the Children's Hospital of Buffalo. After learning about CFHC's mission to help migrant workers and the underserved 27 years ago, Dr. de Padua joined and never looked back.

Going into medicine to help the sick and the most vulnerable, Dr. de Padua considered CFHC the perfect place to realize her dreams. Initially, she worked as a pediatrician for the Frostproof, Wauchula, and Avon Park Community Health Centers. Then, as CFHC began growing, Dr. de Padua helped start several other facilities by being one of the first providers in the Dundee, Mulberry, Lakeland, and Winter Haven Community Health Centers.

As a pediatrician, Dr. de Padua treats sick children from birth to age 18. Her focus is on helping children stay healthy by ensuring they get their well checks and immunizations promptly. Having served the community for 27 years, Dr. de Padua now has former patients who are parents, bringing their children to see her as patients.

For de Padua, her greatest reward as a pediatrician is to see her patients grow from newborns to young students to college graduates who then move on to become contributing members of society.

HONORING JILLIAN FUSS FOR EARNING THE HUSKY 100 AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jillian Fuss, from Napavine, Washington on being awarded the Husky 100 from the University of Washington.

The University of Washington Husky 100 program recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students from all campuses and all areas of study who are making the most of their time at the university. Recipients of the Husky 100 are successfully connecting what happens inside the classroom to the outside, helping make a difference on campus, in their communities, and in the future—and Jillian is no exception.

Jillian is pursuing her bachelor's in Medical Anthropology Global Health Microbiology at the University of Washington. After graduation,

Jillian wants to apply her degree and what she's learned to "use our unique genius creations and knowledge to empower communities and heal." Her current activities and goals for her future are exactly why Jillian was given this recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Jillian on receiving this honor and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

CELEBRATING DR. MITCHELL'S RETIREMENT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Dr. Judy Mitchell and her over 25 years of service to Joliet Junior College as she embarks on a well-deserved retirement.

Beginning her higher education career at 34, Dr. Mitchell quickly made a name for herself. Within 18-years, she was able to earn not one, but five degrees that spurred multiple career advancements, leading her to become the ninth president of the nation's first public community college, Joliet Junior College.

As a JJC alum herself, Dr. Mitchell fully embodied the College's mission of inspiring learning, working hard, and cultivating pathways to prosperity. In her time as President, Dr. Mitchell has assisted in the creation of offices such as the Student Advising Center and the Office of Diversity Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance, creating a stronger school foundation for all.

A fierce supporter of JJC in and outside of her presidency, Dr. Mitchell has even personally contributed 40 percent in funding to support returning adult students through what is appropriately deemed the Dr. Judy Mitchell Scholarship.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the communities Joliet Junior College serves, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dr. Judy Mitchell for her prolific contributions to Joliet Junior College, and with best wishes for a happy next chapter of her life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE JUDY ELIZABETH INMON POSEY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Judge Judy Elizabeth Inmon Posey. I join her family, friends, and loved ones in mourning her loss.

Judy Posey was born in Okolona on October 3, 1956 to Tommy and Audrey Corley Inmon. She attended Okolona High School and married Timothy Charles Posey on April 5, 1985. In 1999 Judge Posey was elected to serve Chickasaw County as a Justice Court Judge. She was known for her fair and firm decision-making. I am grateful for her service to the state of Mississippi. Her time on the bench will not be forgotten and she is greatly appreciated for all she has done.

Left to cherish her memory are husband, Tim; son, Tom; daughter, Elizabeth; and three grandchildren.

I am grateful for Judge Posey's lifetime of public service and offer my most sincere condolences to her loved ones.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. MARTIN SHICHTMAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Martin Shichtman on the occasion of his retirement from Eastern Michigan University after serving as a Professor of English Language and Literature for nearly four decades. As the founder and director of the EMU Center for Jewish Studies, his service to Eastern Michigan University and the greater Southeast Michigan community is worthy of commendation.

A proud native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Shichtman is a graduate of Binghamton University and the University of Iowa, where he studied Medieval English Literature. At Eastern Michigan University, he has taught various subjects, including Arthurian literature and Jewish-American Literature and Culture. When an administrator approached him about diversifying the university's interdisciplinary studies, he brought courses such as Literature, Film, and the Holocaust to the classroom. After the success of that course, alongside colleagues Jeffrey Bernstein, Pamela Landau, and Jessica Alexander, the idea for a Jewish Studies program was born. The Center for Jewish Studies opened in 2012 and has grown extensively. It offers a minor in Jewish Studies as well as domestic and international travel courses to New York and Israel. The Center also brings speakers, musicians, and other special events to campus, exposing the community to Jewish history and culture.

Known to his students as "Marty," Dr. Shichtman is a familiar face on Eastern's campus. Quick to crack a joke and offer a reference from his vast media vocabulary—spanning from baseball to film, Dr. Shichtman has shared his wit and wisdom with students in Ypsilanti and beyond for the past four decades. During his time as Director of the Center for Jewish Studies, he has worked to serve the working-class, first-generation college students at Eastern Michigan University, educating them on Jewish culture, and providing countless scholarships and opportunities for learning. Under his leadership, the Center has grown from an idea to an institution that hosts Jewish leaders and artists from around the world and has become a gathering place for learners across the state. He resides in Plymouth, Michigan with his family and remains an active leader in the Southeast Michigan Jewish community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Martin Shichtman on this special day as the EMU Center for Jewish Studies celebrates ten fantastic years and we celebrate the retirement of Dr. Shichtman. He has touched the lives of so many students and his impact will be felt for years to come. I join with Dr. Shichtman's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement and thank him for all that he has done for the students of Eastern Michigan University.